

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 24, 2019

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Minor. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum; Mark Franklin; and Kenny Irvin. Board member absent: Mark Dyel.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Trinity Price, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Franklin – no, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:08 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:26 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Board member absent: Robin LaBuwi.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Trinity Price, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes: Public Budget Hearing Minutes, September 19, 2019**
Regular Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2019
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2019
- 5.2 Approve Financial Report (September 2019)**
- 5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (September 2019)**
- 5.4 Approve Overnight Trip for Speech Team to Chatham, IL**

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of pages 26A and 26B. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Mark Franklin – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, and Shane Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

- Mr. Johnson provided an update on project progress, stating the restroom/concession stand construction will begin after the football season concludes.
- Boys Golf Team coached by Reggie Norman finished 6th in the state with Brad Hammond finishing 7th overall as an individual.

- Girls Tennis coached by Alyssa Williams, sent the following to state: Taylor Moore – singles, Madison Kreiner & Kaitlyn Younger – doubles. At the time of the meeting both had won their first match and lost their second, sending them into the consolation bracket on Friday.
- P/T conferences are currently underway. The high school does a nice job of planning and setting up for these conferences. Hosting the conferences in the gymnasium provides a measure of convenience and comfort for parents and teachers alike.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel

Shane Cockrum made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jessa Thomas as assistant softball coach. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Aaron Webb as assistant boys track coach. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Preston Trill as a volunteer drama coach for the 2019-20 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Aaron Webb as the head boys track coach for the 2019-20 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Vic Munoz as an assistant boys basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the Administration to post the positions of assistant softball coach and assistant boys track coach as available for the 2019-20 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Annual Financial Report Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the FY19 Annual Financial Report as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Kenny Irvin questioned the possibility of adding more safety markings on the east gym bleachers as well as adding flashing lights at the pedestrian crossing from the student parking lot to the high school.

Mark Dyel questioned the plan for facility upgrades and asked about district agreements with District #47 for the track and the Benton Park District for field, court, and XC course usage. He noted the Benton Country Club does not charge for the golf team to use their course.

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.